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## WHIFFS FROM THE OLD SPORT PIPE

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THE MOTOR GYMKHANA PROPOSED by a hilt of auto enthusiasts as an attraction for some Saturday afternoon at Kapiolani Park carries the hall mark of good sport and spells success in advance. It will undoubtedly be a boost for organized motoring, besides providing a real test of skillful driving.

A motor gymkhana is along the same general lines as the common, or garden, variety of the East Indian sporting event, only instead of going through their stunts on the back of a pony, gasoline provides the motive power for the contestants. A "slow" race, tilting at a set of rings, stopping every furlong to pick up a potato, driving through obstacles, thread and needle race, and all the other amusing feats will be on the program.

In addition there will be a ten-mile race, with the danger element eliminated as far as possible by starting the cars at half-minute intervals and allowing only two cars on the track at the same time. The Kapiolani Park track is none too good at the present time, but it is the intention of Sydney Jordan and the others who are boosting the meeting to have it repaired and improved as far as funds will permit.

A good, live automobile club could do more to stop speeding and reckless driving than even the police, by creating a sentiment against death-dealing joy riders, and helping to keep them within the bounds of safety and decency. The auto meet, and the motor club that may result from it, are worth helping along.

"EVERYBODY'S DOIN' IT," MEANING in this instance, getting in line at the contribution window and chipping in for the Duke Kahanamoku fund. It's growing, and the best feature of the whole scheme is that every donation is purely voluntary. When the hat is passed or a subscription paper carried round, there is always the feeling that some of the givers are not doing so freely and gladly, but that they are more or less "stood up." With those who want to show their appreciation of what Duke has done for Honolulu, however, it is quite different. They are contributing because they want to, and for no other reason.

IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE POLO and tennis championships will conflict on the 24th and 27th of the present month. Why not skip those dates on the courts, and give the sporting public a chance to see the polo without missing the tennis. As a matter of fact, the polo men had their eyes on tennis, and considering the complications of transportation for the poloists, and the fact that the Fifth Cavalry squad is now camped at Moanalua, there is no question of changing the dates of polo play. But it would be a simple matter to skip two days of a tennis tournament, and there would be many to appreciate the adjustment.

## LADIES SINGLES PROMISE GOOD TENNIS

The ladies' singles championship this year promises to be of more interest than for several seasons past, owing to the fact that there are a number of visiting cracks now in Honolulu, who have promised to play for the island tennis title. The men's events will not have a monopoly on outside talent, and tennis enthusiasts are looking forward to some clever exhibitions by the fair sex.

Miss Louise Phillips, champion of the Aztec Club, of Chicago, and her sister, Miss E. Phillips, also a strong player, have been practicing at late, and both will take part in the coming tournament. It is doubtful, however, whether Mrs. George Coulter, who has held the Hawaiian title for several years, will be able to pay this year.

Perhaps you can't get just what you want by arbitration but it is cheaper than fighting.

The Supervisors of San Francisco have been asked to pass a "bat pin" ordinance, limiting the length of women's bat pins to "only an inch and a half beyond the brim."

Service Is Always Good at the  
**UNION BARBER SHOP**  
Cunha's Alley, Next Union Grill, on King Street

## GIANTS HAVE BOOSTER WHO DESERVES MEDAL

NEW YORK, N. Y.—The Giants have a supporter who deserves a medal for his confidence. A letter was received by Secretary O'Brien recently with a money order enclosed and requesting a reserved box for the 1912 world's series. R. P. Jacques was the signature of the missive, and in part he wrote that he was positive the Giants would win the National League pennant and wanted to be sure he could not wait.

O'Brien, however, returned the letter and the money order to its owner and asked the writer to wait until October. The fifth is a long way off, and there can be many a slip between now and the last game.

## COAST CREW UP AGAINST IT FOR BOAT

Healanis Don't Care to Leave  
Their New Barge in  
Alameda

There is another hitch in the proposed visit of a Coast crew to Honolulu, to take part in the September regatta. This time it is over the use of a six-oared barge for preliminary training, and the obstacle looks like a hard one to get round.

In a letter received a few weeks ago from the secretary of the Pacific Coast Association of Amateur Oarsmen, it was stated that the crew finally selected to make the trip to Honolulu in quest of the six-oared barge championship, would remain on the Coast as long as possible, doing all their training there, and arriving in Hawaii a few days before the race. The proposition of the Healanis to turn over the boat now being built by Alf Rogers to the invaders, was accepted with thanks.

Now on this latter point there has been a misunderstanding. For the Healanis do not feel that it is up to them to hand over a brand new barge, and take the chance of something happening to put it out of commission for their own use. Even if the Coast club of the association assumed the final responsibility for the safety of the barge, the locals feel that it is asking too much to expect them to do without a boat that is so badly needed until practically the day of the race.

When the proposition was first made it was understood that the loan of the new barge would be for a matter of only a week or ten days, as it was then thought that the coasters would be down here to train several weeks ahead of the race date. When the letter of acceptance also contained the understanding that the visitors wouldn't come visiting any sooner than they had to, the Healanis felt that they were stung, and the offer of the boat will have to be withdrawn.

"The Coast oarsmen will probably end by coming down several weeks before the race and finishing off their training and practice here," said A. R. Rowat, secretary of the Healanis club, this morning. "We will be glad to lend them a barge when they arrive, and to do all we can to help them and make their visit a pleasant one, but we need the new boat badly, and it's out of the question to think of leaving it at Alameda for six weeks after it is finished. Alf Rogers is making a rush job to accommodate us, because he knows that we are in a big hurry for the new barge. It should be ready about August 1 and will be shipped down right away."

**Must Bring Oars.**  
All these complications are due to the fact that there is no six-oared barge racing on the Coast, four-oared barges being used there. There is consequently no boat for the visiting crew to use, and to make the trip at all they are dependent on the generosity of their hosts. Neither the Myrtle nor Punahele can spare a barge, so it's up to the Healanis to provide. But it's a cinch that any lending will be done right here in home waters. The visitors will have to bring their own oars, too.

## UNDEVELOPED BORNEO

North Borneo is a wild and uncultivated country, without even roads for wagons, says the Trade Report. A few strips of short roads for carts are found about the seaports, but none to justify the importations of a motor car. Travel about the towns is by jinrikishas, by sedan chairs, or pony carts. Travel into the interior is by rivers; footpaths only connect settlements between rivers. After two or three years, when the rubber estates are developed, there may be roads built and a call for automobiles.

Dutch Borneo obtains supplies from Batavia, Java, Sarawak from Singapore, and North Borneo from Singapore, Hongkong, and Manila. Retail business in Sandakan is carried on mostly by Chinese. Of the two important firms, one is German, the other English.

## McGRAW THE BRAINS OF NEW YORK TEAM



## HOW LEACH CROSS MYRTLE CLUB'S GOT DOUBLE CROSSED

**SMOKER A  
WINNER**

"An Eye for an Eye, and a Tooth for Fifty Cents"  
His Motto

They call Leach Cross, the New York lightweight, the champion of the cloakmakers, because that industrious class turn one on masse to see Cross fight. They usually see a good fight too. Cross may take a sharp advantage when he gets the chance—he declares that he will pull any trick he can, whether it is considered unsportsmanlike or not, if the referee will let him get away with it—but he is game, and he carries a punch in each hand. If he lands it right, pretty nearly any lightweight will wobble awhile. They say I'm too good a business man to be a fighter," said Cross recently. "Well, I learned to be a good business man from men who were better business men than I'll ever be."

And he told the story. When he was a kid he wanted to fight before an athletic club named after a certain prominent member of the Order of the Tightly Clingched Fingers. He called on the manager of the club. "I'll give you a chance, kid," said that individual, but I gotta be your manager. Of course he assented, and when he went in to fight a preliminary battle a few nights afterward he was knocked out in one round and lost a tooth. After the fight he went into the manager's office to get his money. "You got \$5 comin' to you for fightin' in a prelim," said the manager.

Well, that was all right. That's all they ever pay a green kid for a preliminary fight. The manager counted it out in silver.

"Now," said he, "I'm your manager, and so my bit is a dollar 'n' a half." He put that sum in his trousers pockets. "An' you brought in a pair of kids for seconds. You didn't have no right to do that, but I'll only charge you 75 cents apiece. That's a dollar 'n' a half. An' bein' this is your first fight I'll only charge you half a buck for the use of the towels and water bottles. So, here's your 50 cents."

"Oil, you," said Cross in consternation. "I got knocked out in the first round and lost a tooth and all for only 50 cents?"

"Look at the nice fight you had," said the manager cheerfully.

Professor Axson of the University of California, a lecturer on literature, told his classes that because Taft didn't appreciate existing conditions and because he had too much confidence in his advisers, was a more dangerous man to stand at the head of the nation than Roosevelt.

Attorney Appel, another of the Darrow defense attorneys, was fined \$25 for contempt of court yesterday. Earl Rodgers was fined \$25 the day before.

The police of San Francisco have started an effective crusade against the "white slavers" and have already arrested ten men.

## GIANTS MANAGER PULLS THE STRINGS AND MEN WIN GAMES

John McGraw is the man who deserves the lion's share of credit for the place New York now holds in the race for the National League pennant. The Marquards, and Mathewsons and Meyers may be doing the actual work, but "Mugsy" is the man who got them in the first place, and then trimmed them down into a smooth working baseball machine.

McGraw had faith in the 1912 Giants from the time the bunch came together for spring training. He seemed to have a sort of sixth sense that told him he had a winning combination, and his optimism has been contagious. The players going into every game with the winning spirit, and a consequent shade of advantage over their less confident opponents.

## SAWED OFF SHORT

John J. McGraw is signed with the New York club as a player as well as manager and he could take part in a game if he was so disposed.

A shrewd golf enthusiast with a mathematical turn of mind has attempted to estimate the annual cost of golf in the United States. His figures that approximately \$40,000,000 is expended each season.

It pays to be a star athlete in more than one branch of professional sport as it quite fully exemplified in the case of "Newsy" Lalonde, the lacrosse and hockey star. Playing lacrosse last summer for Vancouver, "Newsy" earned \$3640, and to this was added \$1600 in the hockey season recently closed at the coast, a mere trifle of \$240 for the year.

There has never been any legislation against the black man in baseball, but it has always been an unwritten law that no negro shall play in the major leagues. Downside of black and yellow men, who possessed all the qualifications of big league athletes, passed their days in the semi-pro, and independent ranks on account of their color. Manager John McGraw of the Giants thinks Mendez, the Cuban pitcher, would be a \$10,000 player if he were a white man. Competent authorities agree with you that Pitcher Redding of the Lincoln Giants would help the Brooklyn club. Undoubtedly Redding is one of the greatest pitchers in the national game today. His records of fifteen strikeouts in a six-inning game are without parallel.

## C. N. SNOWDEN CAPTAIN OF YALE'S 1913 CREW

NEW LONDON, Conn.—Charles Nelson Snowden, Jr., '13 of Pittsburg, Pa., was elected captain of the Yale varsity eight for next year at a meeting of the oarsmen after the Harvard race. Snowden stroked this year's eight and held the same position in the victorious Yale freshman eight of 1911.

The new captain is 21 years old, 5ft. 11 in. tall and weighs 152 pounds. The only other candidate for the position was J. H. Philbin, '13 who rowed at No. 6 and was also a member of the 1911 varsity eight.

## FLAMES DESTROY ZEPPELIN AIRSHIP

DUSSELDORF (Germany), June 28.—The Zeppelin dirigible balloon Schwanen I, stationed here, was totally destroyed by fire today following an explosion of escaping gas, which was caused when a strong gust of wind broke it from its moorings and made it collapse in the middle. A number of mechanics seized the ropes, but the balloon wrenched itself out of their hands.

The inflammable hydrogen gas exploded in the air and the balloon caught fire and was consumed.

## STAMPEDE FOLLOWS NEW GOLD STRIKE IN ALASKA

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, June 27.—News was received yesterday of a gold strike in Fox Gulch, in the Inukto district. Many prospectors are rushing to the new diggings from Iditarod. Low water at the latter place is causing delay in the installation of the Guggenheim dredge on Flat Creek. Small relay steamers have refused to carry machinery at the rate offered by the syndicate, asking an increase of \$5 a ton, which the company has refused.

Most men are too cowardly; a few are not cowardly enough.

There Is Only One  
**Model Sanitary  
Barber Shop**

Three First-Class Artists at your service.  
**BETHEL AND KING,  
E. G. Sylvester and E. Schroll, Props.**

## PLANTATION LEAGUE IS STILL SCRAPPING OVER "CORKED BATS"

Ewa Management Has Passed the Buck to National Baseball Commission With a Request That It Settle the Dispute in Far-Away Hawaii — Lots of Legal Red Tape.

The now famous "corked bat" dispute between Ewa and Waianae of the Plantation League is still simmering, and the matter has now been put up to the National Baseball Commission, with a request for decision.

Ewa's protest that the Waianae team used "corked" bats in the game of June 9, was sustained by the league board of arbitration, but that body said it had no authority to act. Then, at a meeting of the Plantation League, held June 30, the matter was brought up before the meeting, but was killed by a vote of three to one against the Ewa team.

Believing this an injustice, the Ewa baseball manager has communicated with the National Baseball Commissioners of Cincinnati for their decision, forwarding all data in connection with the dispute in question. Upon receipt of this decision, if favorable to the Ewas, the same will be published and the protest revived.

The Ewa team still has two legs on the cup, the Aleas one, and the Waianae one.

The Ewa players take exception to what they claim was a misleading article appearing in the Advertiser of June 29, which reads in part as follows:

"The matter of the Ewa-Waianae protest was won by the accused team. There was a hearing in town last week, and as the Ewaites failed to show sufficient proof, the judges decided the charge not proven."

"As the above facts are untrue, and in order to set the sporting public right in connection with the matter of the 'corked bat' dispute between the Ewas and Waianae, the Ewaites have come forward with the following proofs," writes an Ewa man to the Star-Bulletin.

At a hearing before a Board of Arbitration, consisting of three outside, disinterested parties, the following decision was handed down:

In the Matter of the Protest of the Ewa Plantation Team—Decision.

This is a protest filed by the Ewa Plantation Team, under section 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Oahu Plantation Baseball League, as amended January 20th, 1912. The protest is in due form, protesting the game played between said Ewa Plantation Team and the Waianae Plantation Team on the 9th day of June 1912. Said protest is based upon the violation of Rule 15 of Spalding's Official Baseball Rules for 1912, and alleges that the Waianae Team in the game referred to "used three bats that were tampered with." The protest does not ask that the game which was won by the Waianae Plantation Team should be declared forfeited or ordered played over, or for any relief whatsoever.

This Board of Arbitration is created pursuant to Section 10 of Article 2 of the Constitution and By-Laws above referred to and derives its powers and duties from said Section 10 of Article 2, and also from Section 4 of Article 4 of said Constitution, which latter section provides in effect that if any matter of dispute arises and is not covered by the Constitution and By-Laws, then the rules and regulations set forth in Spalding's Official Guide for each season shall govern.

It is rather strange that the average patron of baseball lacks the confidence in the manager just as soon as things are not going right. Let a few games be lost and every nine out of ten so called fans will be there with a suggestion for changing the lineup of the team.

It stands to reason that the individual most vitally interested in a team's success is its manager, and when that man has had twenty-five years' experience in baseball it would be wise to display confidence in his judgment.

But it is perhaps the reason for the popularity of the sport that the spectators consider themselves capable of doing the managing.

It is a privilege which goes with every admission ticket. Incidentally it is but natural that the so called fan should have no trouble convincing himself of the logic of his argument when the team is not doing what it should, but it also stands to reason that the only way success can be attained is to have one man use his judgment.

Pays to Experiment.

The advisability of changing players from one position to another has frequently been questioned, and yet some of the stars in certain positions have been switched there from others. Take, for instance, Eddie Foster of the Washingtons. He was not flustered as being capable of playing anything but short field, the position in which he started out in professional baseball, yet Foster developed into a star at third in a very few weeks. Jimmy Collins, ranked high among the very best of the third basemen, was an outfielder and was shifted to third by an accident.

Herman Schaefer furnishes another instance where a change has helped a player.

Schaefer made himself a left-handed batter at a time when he seemed destined to return to the minors, and he is today a better ball player than he ever was.

Nowhere within the Constitution and By-Laws or in the Official Rules, is there any provision or any authority vested in the Board of Arbitration or any other body or official to declare or order that the game shall be played over.

Owing to the limited scope of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Plantation League, and the Official Baseball Rules, the hands of this Board are practically tied, and they regret that their decision in this case must be limited.

The Board of Arbitration, however, suggests that for the best interests of the "Sport of Baseball" that hereafter the Constitution and By-Laws be revised with the idea of including within their scope the required authority to give a decision in any given case, and to impose a penalty under said decision. Further, this Board feels that umpires who preside over the games and the captains of the respective teams, should make themselves familiar with all the rules applicable to a baseball game, and see to the enforcement of the same.

Respectfully submitted,  
Signed by A. R. CUNHA,  
W. T. RAWLINS,  
Dated Honolulu, June 24th, 1912.  
Umpire Testifies.

Wm. T. Lee Kwal made affidavit that he had personally examined the bats in question, and found that they had been tampered with.

**SOME PLAYERS  
CAN BE CHANGED**

**SOUTH AFRICAN  
OLYMPIANS FAST**